

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

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13. (canceled)
14. (currently amended) A method of forming a lamp assembly from a light emitting glass lamp having at least one end and a base having a top and side walls forming a cavity, the method comprising:  
placing a foamable shaped coupling inside the base, said coupling comprising:  
at least one copolymer wherein the copolymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene methyl acrylate, ethylene

butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methacrylic acid, and mixtures thereof and at least one microencapsulated blowing agent; inserting the end of the glass lamp into the base; and expanding the coupling to securely affix the glass lamp in the base.

15. (currently amended) A method of forming a lamp assembly from a light emitting glass lamp having at least one end and a base having an opening, the method comprising:

placing a foamable shaped coupling around the end of the glass lamp, said coupling comprising:

at least one copolymer wherein the copolymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene methyl acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methacrylic acid, and mixtures thereof and at least one microencapsulated blowing agent; inserting the end of the glass lamp into the base opening; and expanding the coupling to securely affix the glass lamp in the base.

16. (previously presented) The method of Claim 14 wherein the coupling further comprises a chemical crosslinking agent and a radiation crosslinking promoter.

17. (previously presented) The method of Claim 15 wherein the coupling further comprises a chemical crosslinking agent and a radiation crosslinking promoter.

18. (previously presented) The method of Claim 16 wherein the coupling further comprises at least one tackifier, antioxidant, filler or a combination thereof.

19. (previously presented) The method of Claim 17 wherein the coupling further comprises at least one tackifier, antioxidant, filler or a combination thereof.

20. (canceled)

21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended) The method of Claim 14 20 wherein the microencapsulated blowing agent is present in an amount from 1 to 10 percent by weight.

23. (currently amended) The method of Claim 15 24 wherein the microencapsulated blowing agent is present in an amount from 1 to 10 percent by weight.

24. (previously presented) The method of Claim 14 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature from 130 to 200°C.

25. (previously presented) The method of Claim 15 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature from 130 to 200°C.

26. (previously presented) The method of Claim 14 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature from 150 to 190°C.

27. (previously presented) The method of Claim 15 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature from 150 to 190°C.

28. (previously presented) The method of Claim 14 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature of 160 to 165°C.

29. (previously presented) The method of Claim 15 wherein expanding the coupling is carried out at a temperature of 160 to 165°C.

30. (currently amended) The method of Claim 14 wherein the coupling further comprises:  
from about 60 to 80 percent by weight of at least one copolymer wherein the copolymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene methyl acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methacrylic acid, and mixtures thereof;  
from about 2 to 7 percent by weight of the microencapsulated a-chemical blowing agent;  
from about 3 to 15 percent by weight of at least one tackifier;  
from about 1 to 7 percent by weight of at least one peroxide;  
from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one antioxidant;  
from about 1 to 4 percent by weight of at least one radiation crosslinking promoter; and  
from about 0 to 20 percent by weight of at least one filler.

31. (currently amended) The method of Claim 15 wherein the coupling further comprises:  
from about 60 to 80 percent by weight of at least one copolymer wherein the copolymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene methyl acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methacrylic acid, and mixtures thereof;

from about 2 to 7 percent by weight of the microencapsulated a chemical blowing agent;  
from about 3 to 15 percent by weight of at least one tackifier;  
from about 1 to 7 percent by weight of at least one peroxide;  
from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one antioxidant;  
from about 1 to 4 percent by weight of at least one radiation crosslinking promoter; and  
from about 0 to 20 percent by weight of at least one filler.

32. (withdrawn) A non-pressure sensitive adhesive foamable composition comprising:  
from about 50 to 80 percent by weight of at least one copolymer wherein the copolymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene methyl acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methacrylic acid, and mixtures thereof;  
from about 1 to 10 percent by weight of a microencapsulated blowing agent;  
from about 0 to 30 percent by weight of at least one tackifier;  
from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one peroxide;  
from about 0 to 5 percent by weight of at least one chemical blowing agent;  
from about 1 to 10 percent by weight of a blowing agent activator;  
from about 0.25 to 5 percent by weight of at least one antioxidant;  
from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one radiation crosslinking promoter; and  
from about 0 to 30 percent by weight of at least one filler.

33. (withdrawn) The composition of Claim 32 wherein the tackifier is a polyamide based resin.

34. (currently amended) The method of Claim 14 wherein the coupling comprises a the composition comprising of Claim 32

from about 50 to 80 percent by weight of at least one copolymer wherein the copolymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene methyl acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methacrylic acid, and mixtures thereof;

from about 1 to 10 percent by weight of the microencapsulated blowing agent;  
from about 0 to 30 percent by weight of at least one tackifier;  
from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one peroxide;  
from about 0 to 5 percent by weight of at least one chemical blowing agent;  
from about 1 to 10 percent by weight of a blowing agent activator;

from about 0.25 to 5 percent by weight of at least one antioxidant;  
from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one radiation crosslinking  
promoter; and  
from about 0 to 30 percent by weight of at least one filler.

35. (currently amended) The method of Claim 15 wherein the coupling comprises a the  
composition comprising of Claim 32

from about 50 to 80 percent by weight of at least one copolymer wherein the  
copolymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene  
methyl acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methacrylic  
acid, and mixtures thereof;

from about 1 to 10 percent by weight of the microencapsulated blowing agent;  
from about 0 to 30 percent by weight of at least one tackifier;  
from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one peroxide;  
from about 0 to 5 percent by weight of at least one chemical blowing agent;  
from about 1 to 10 percent by weight of a blowing agent activator;  
from about 0.25 to 5 percent by weight of at least one antioxidant;  
from about 0.5 to 5 percent by weight of at least one radiation crosslinking  
promoter; and  
from about 0 to 30 percent by weight of at least one filler.

36. (canceled)

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38. (previously presented) The method of Claim 14 wherein the coupling further comprises a chemical crosslinking agent or a radiation crosslinking promoter.

39. (previously presented) The method of Claim 15 wherein the coupling further comprises a chemical crosslinking agent or a radiation crosslinking promoter.

40. (new) The method of Claim 14 wherein the coupling is ring-shaped, C-shaped, or rectangular.

41. (new) The method of Claim 15 wherein the coupling is ring-shaped, C-shaped, or rectangular.